

CUTLER HEADS REPUBLICAN NOMINEES.

Was Nominated for Governor in a Very Close Race on
The Second Ballot—Some Other Spirited Contests—
Howell for Congress Again by Acclamation.

THE REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

GOVERNOR—John C. Cutler of Salt Lake.
SECRETARY OF STATE—C. S. Tingey of Nephi.
JUDGE OF SUPREME COURT—D. N. Straup of Salt Lake.
TREASURER—James Christiansen of Richfield.
AUDITOR—J. A. Edwards of Brigham City.
ATTORNEY GENERAL—M. A. Breeden of Salt Lake.
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS—A. C. Nelson of Mant.
CONGRESSMAN—Joseph Howell of Wellsville.
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS—H. P. Myton of Salt Lake, D. H. Cannon of St. George and E. W. Wade of Ogden.

The battle is over and the smoke has cleared away. And out of it all comes the story of one of the most spirited conventions in the history of Utah politics. A summary is found in the names of the nominees which precede this article.

The nomination of John C. Cutler for governor was more of a blow against Senator Kearns than it was against Gov. Wells himself; for the truth is, rightly or wrongly, the impression was widespread that the latter was in some way attached to the senator's political forces. It was a club that his opponents wielded most effectively. Of course he also had the third term handicap to contend with, and in view of that fact and of the further fact of being pitted against a tremendously strong competitor in the person of Mr. Cutler, the wonder is that he made so splendid a showing. Altogether it was about as glorious as defeat can be.

There is another sequel to the outcome of the convention struggle. And that is that in the test of strength between the senior and junior senators the latter won most decisively—that is, he won so far as he was interested. He had his favorite candidate for governor, and that candidate was victorious. The senior senator had his candidate for the same exalted office, and his candidate was defeated. The same condition will be found to apply more or less to the other nominees on the ticket. Of course, there are one or two exceptions, but that is all. There is no question that it was Senator Smoot's day.

A notable occurrence in the convention was the desertion at a critical juncture in the gubernatorial fight of some of the Weber county delegation from Wells to Cutler. Of course, the incident was the occasion of great jubilation in the one camp and of despair in the other. The Wells men say that it turned the tide and planted defeat where the standard of victory was being placed. Accordingly they waited their turn. It came in the evening when Mr. Cutler made his race for mayor. The Wells supporters had been hiding their time and they went after the Ogden man good and hard with the charges of bad faith hurled at him right and left. When the ballots were counted, Mr. Cutler was down and out, and Christiansen of Sevier had been nominated. From that period to the close of the convention the delegates who had remained loyal to the governor through the whole bitter struggle remembered Weber county in such a manner that when the work of the night was over, Weber had no place whatever upon the general ticket, and there were some signs in other places than in the governor's camp.

There were many features of interest in the convention, but they were mainly associated with the fight for the gubernatorial nomination. There were two men named by acclamation. They were Congressman Howell and State Superintendent of Instruction Nelson. The latter, of course, was either strangled or permitted to die of its own accord in the knowledge that it could not be made to succeed. Had the forces of Governor Wells been in decisive control of the convention, there would have been some encouragement to have carried out their intention, but the ginger was all taken out of them early in the contest in the defeat of the executive and they never thoroughly recovered their lost strength. The convention chronicle follows in detail.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Naming of Cutler for Governor—
Tingey for Secretary of State.

When the "News" report closed the convention was in the midst of one of the most interesting political contests ever waged in this state. The fight was on the nomination for governor and all eyes were on and ears too, the men who named them. The first name named before the convention was that of Hon. James C. Hammond, whose cause was espoused by George L. Nye. In presenting his candidate Mr. Nye said:

"Mr. chairman and fellow delegates, hundreds of men in the state of Utah would probably do no harm in the gubernatorial chair. But this convention today seeks a man of action, a man of ability, a man of ready wit, a man of diplomacy. What do you say for the exalted position of governor as years of experience in the various lines of legislative, administrative and executive duties? The man I shall name to this convention has, upon several occasions, served this commonwealth in the legislative branch of its government.

"For nine years he has served this state in the office of secretary of state. His guiding hand went far towards bringing order out of that chaos which we found when Utah was first admitted to the sisterhood of states; and what, I may say, so entitles a man to recognition by way of promotion as long and faithful service in attending to his duties in public office? If there is to be no reward and no promotion for public service, for duty well performed, men in business, financial and political affairs might as well sit down upon the stair upon which they alight—the race is already run.

"But in the Republican party, so long as there always been a due made of praise and due reward for public service, in the Republican party, so long as there shall be more than one man aspiring to the nomination for a given office, so long will there be ante-convention factions in our party. But the

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nomination, his name being presented by Judge Colborn. The judge was most happy in his expressions and said some very nice things about the candidate he had to name. His speech was as follows:

"The purpose of my arising is to offer to you as a candidate for governor of the state of Utah, Heber M. Wells. I have heard said, and I believe it, that when a handful of men and women, when Utah was virgin soil, brought into the wilderness, the imperishable foundations of an empire, that they were guided through the great trackless plains and through the dangers of the waterless wastes, by one whom it is the duty of all of us to honor and to praise. I have heard it said that while they, and those who honor them, were year by year enlarging the circles of their dominion and carrying

gave you Lincoln, the ever-flowing river whose life touched the floodgates in the hearts of humanity and opened them to the regeneration of a bond-slaved race. Rotation in office gave you Andrew Johnson, who at the time of the nation's greatest need, lacked but one vote of being the one impeached president of the United States. Rotation in office gave you Grant, the soldier-statesman, who in office gave you McKinley and the glory through which he has gone on his journey to the stars.

"Rotation in office called for obscurity and a honorable, an able governor of Colorado to take the place of 'bloody' bled' Waite, whose infamous administration, brought about alike by rotation in office, came to a close, and they were year by year enlarging the circles of their dominion and carrying



CONGRESSMAN HOWELL,
Renominated by Acclamation to Succeed Himself.

further and further into the desert the tolling and suffering and starving that we might enjoy the fruits of it; that their faces were fixed toward the skies, and they were assisted by a power more potent than the forces of an unsubdued land. I say I have heard this. I believe it, too, and that there was a Providence in the election of Heber M. Wells to be the first governor of Utah. I also believe most fully and firmly.

"That Providence has been illustrated in the courage and conservatism manifested throughout his administration, and which has reflected credit upon the people of Utah and upon him. I appeal to history if it is not true, that during all the years that he has been in the hands of the United States, that there was more doubt, more fear of her than of any other state that ever applied for admission into the Union. I appeal to the memory of all living if it is not true, that when the time elapsed for her to put on the splendid vestments of statehood, that there was widespread concern in this nation as to how she would demean herself among the sisterhood of states. It was a trying time for the new sovereignty; but that Providence, that never deserts us, raised up from among her people one who, without faltering or fear, led her first steps of statehood so that all her steps were peace, all her acts were acts of decorum. Heber M. Wells, I offer to you for governor, whose great work in the gubernatorial chair I point to, not alone for personal regard and friendship, but for the interest I have in the prosperity and the good of the commonwealth, the welfare of this state.

"Uneducated, except he became educated in Utah; unused to statecraft, except he had seen it in territorial days; unfamiliar with the methods of government as elsewhere practised, undeterred by fear, unaffected by the influences for power and self, unswept by personal interest, he took his high office and did his duty and reflected credit upon the people who had honored him and whom he had honored.

"His state papers have been able and conservative. His appointments have been well chosen. His public utterances on public occasions have been wise and thoughtful; and at those times when the great men of the state have gathered here, as they have, his speeches of wisdom, expression, and have signified him as one of the most able executives in the nation. So that after all, thank God, above politics, above partisanship, above the scramble for the honors and prizes, there is a man in every loyal citizen's heart love of country and pride of state.

"I grant that there is opposition to Gov. Wells, opposition voiced in plaintive words and speech, voiced in the same breath in which it is said, 'he has made a good governor'.

"We are told by high authority that relation in office is the thing; that rotation in office enables us to look in history upon the records of many great presidents and governors. Well, so it is. All there is bad, and all there is good in American politics, comes from rotation in office. Rotation in office

financial ruin and industrial degradation. These, my fellow citizens, are an illustration of the good and bad of rotation in office. In the case of Johnson, in the case of Grover Cleveland, whose pained hand came through rotation in office, and was placed on the effects of this nation; in the case of Waite, too, there is an illustration of what comes by the senseless sentiment, 'Give some one else a chance; count not tried efficiency; count not ability; count not familiarity with statecraft exhibited every day in the life of the governor, but follow the cry, 'Give some one else a chance.'

"If you want to see, my fellow citizens, the effect of senseless rotation in office, contrast the policy and practice of New England in reference to her United States senators with the methods of the west. Look at her George F. Hoar, her great Senator Edmunds, and her many other tried statesmen, who held through succeeding generations the senatorial office. What do we do here in the west? We listen every six years to the senseless cry, 'Give some one else a chance.' Well, the result is that the statesmen of New England make monkeys of your western senators of every kind of legislation where New England's interests are to be affected.

"I believe in rotation in office. I believe in the rotation that rotates. I believe in rotating out the bad and rotating in the good. And I believe, too, that the strength of our belief in that old sentence that contains the crystallized philosophy of the ages, the sentence that embellishes the fly leaves of the spelling books of your fathers—

If you have a friend that's good and true, Change not the old friend for the new.

"Standing, as I do in this historic temple, dedicated to art, the thought comes to me, too, that the shades of the mighty, of Utah's mighty past, whose voices have been heard within these walls for the good of the people, may yet linger here and listen, and so be they do, I am not ashamed to pay, in their presence and yours, unmeasured tribute to that good and honorable man, the young governor of Utah, Heber M. Wells.

The speeches were all well punctuated with applause and the nominations were freely seconded, among the speakers being George Austin of Utah for Cutler, Hart of Salt Lake for Hammond and Metcalf of Sevier for Gov. Wells.

CLEGG MAKES A HIT.

The hit of the afternoon, however, was made by Brigham Clegg of Wasatch, who seconded the nomination of Mr. Cutler. Mr. Clegg said:

"I haven't prepared any speech, and don't think I was going to make any nominating speech here today. (Cries of 'Sit down!')

"There are two points to consider in the nominating of a governor. The first, I believe, is qualification, and the second, the number of votes the nominee will pull.

"Now as to qualifications, I don't think anything can be said of either the nominees. (Prolonged laughing and noise.) They are all good men. But there are other things to be considered. (Tumultuous noise.)

"If, therefore, the young men of Utah or the rising generation want to say that men are to be kept in office (cries of 'Wells! Wells!') and noise till the convention is with great difficulty brought again to order).

"The history of the past should teach us a lesson. In the words of Patrick Henry, 'We have no lamp by which our feet are guided but the lamp of experience.' And the path of experience has taught us that throughout all the United States people are generally and truly opposed to a third term. It is true that rotation in office placed Lincoln and others in the chair, but it was not a third term rotation (cries of 'Wells! Wells!') Furthermore (interjection by point of order raised, calls for additional sergeants-at-arms, etc.). Gentlemen, noise is not going to stop me. Let us come down to reason and common sense. If we take the history of other states we will find that the governor has run for a third term; that in states that previously gave that governor 15,000 to 20,000 majority, on the third term vote he hasn't got 10,000. And while, as I stated in the first place, the qualifications of these men are not to be disputed, let us give others a show. I take pleasure in seconding the nomination of Hon. John C. Cutler."

NOMINATIONS CLOSED.

Nominations were then declared closed, and the delegates proceeded to prepare their ballots. The first showed the following result:

FIRST BALLOT FOR GOVERNOR.

COUNTIES.	Wells.	Hammond.	Cutler.
Beaver.....	6	3	3
Boxelder.....	3	15	3
Cache.....	4	29	9
Carbon.....	8	27	9
Davis.....	2	1	3
Emery.....	7	1	3
Garfield.....	6	1	3
Grand.....	2	2	3
Iron.....	3	3	3
Kane.....	3	1	3
Millard.....	7	1	3
Morgan.....	3	3	3
Piute.....	4	1	3
Rich.....	3	1	3
Salt Lake.....	43	17	65
San Juan.....	1	1	1
Samuel.....	1	1	1
Sevier.....	19	1	19
Summit.....	12	7	19
Townsend.....	1	1	3
Utah.....	1	1	1
Wasatch.....	1	1	1
Washington.....	4	1	1
Wayne.....	1	1	1
Weber.....	33	2	3
Totals.....	174	82	214

The convention was made up of 460 delegates, representing 23 counties to elect, so that on the first ballot there was no choice. The announcement was greeted with commingled cries of "Wells" and "Cutler," with here and there faint support for Mr. Hammond.

HAMMOND WITHDRAWS.

When the second ballot was ordered and had been nearly prepared, George L. Nye stepped to the front of the stage and withdrew the name of Mr. Hammond. "I am requested," said he, "to withdraw from your consideration the name of James T. Hammond, and to request his friends to support Gov. Heber M. Wells."

CUTLER WINS.

This changed the situation somewhat and the ballot partially prepared, had to give place to a new one. At this juncture considerable skirmishing was indulged in and it was plain to be seen that some of the Hammond strength was going to Cutler. This the second ballot clearly revealed, the vote being 221 for Cutler and 221 for Wells. The ballot stood:

SECOND BALLOT FOR CUTLER.

COUNTIES.	Wells.	Cutler.
Beaver.....	6	3
Boxelder.....	3	15
Cache.....	4	29
Carbon.....	8	27
Davis.....	2	1
Emery.....	7	1
Garfield.....	6	1
Grand.....	2	2
Iron.....	3	3
Kane.....	3	1
Millard.....	7	1
Morgan.....	3	3
Piute.....	4	1
Rich.....	3	1
Salt Lake.....	55	70
San Juan.....	1	1
Samuel.....	1	1
Sevier.....	14	20
Summit.....	19	19
Townsend.....	1	3
Utah.....	7	1
Wasatch.....	1	1
Washington.....	4	1
Wayne.....	1	1
Weber.....	28	17
Totals.....	221	229

Before the vote had been announced Paul Smoot rose, and the rules men exulting excitedly over their victory. The Wells men had fought hard and lost and their only regret lay in the fact that they were but 10 votes short of a sufficient number to elect. It was a test of strength keen and exciting and for several minutes tension was at its highest pitch.

INVITED TO SPEAK.

On motion of Mr. Hollingsworth of Weber the nomination of Mr. Cutler was made unanimous, and the successful nominee was invited to appear before the convention at the evening session. Jesse M. Smith, John F. Childster and John C. Graham being appointed a committee to wait upon Mr. Cutler.

George L. Nye announced the excursion of the Young Men's Republican club to Saltair, after which nominations for secretary of state were called for.

TINGEY FOR SECRETARY.

Willard Dore of Salt Lake presented the name of John De Grey Dixon, a stalwart, honest young Republican, while Daniel Harrington named James Devine and J. R. Porter of Morgan C. S. Tingey. Each name was freely seconded and voting was then declared in order. The first and second ballots showed no result, the former giving 123-7 for Tingey, 167-3 for Dixon and 181-7 for Devine, and the latter showing 210-5-6 for Tingey, 167-1-3 for Dixon and 84-5-6 for Devine. Before the third ballot was taken Mr. Harrington withdrew the name of James Devine. This left the struggle between Tingey and Dixon and the former won by a

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